

YAMAGUCHI ET AL. -- 10/624,669  
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REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 31 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 31 is added. Reconsideration and issuance of a Supplemental Notice of Allowability are respectfully requested.


An Election of Species was issued September 21, 2004. In a Reply filed October 21, 2004, Applicants selected Species I, Figure 1. As stated in the October 21 Reply, Applicants submitted that claims 1-17 read on the elected species.

In a November 24, 2004 teleconference with Examiner Hamdan, Examiner Hamdan indicated that claims 1-15 and 17 were allowable and requested that Applicants cancel elected claim 16 and non-elected claims 18-30 to place the application in condition for allowance. In a December 2, 2004 teleconference with Examiner Hamdan, the undersigned authorized the cancellation of claims 16, and 18-30.

New claim 31 corresponds exactly to canceled claim 17. As the undersigned never authorized the cancellation of claim 17 and Examiner Hamdan indicated in the November 24 teleconference that claim 17 was allowable, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and allowance of claim 31.

Issuance of a Supplemental Notice of Allowability indicating the allowance of claims 1-15 and 31 are respectfully requested.

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